- Q. Your former husband, Michael D. Dorcus did he die testate or intestate?
- A. Without a Will.
- Q. Who were the parents of your late husband?
- A. Lola A. and Harry C. Dorcus.
- Q. Where did they live?
- A. In Woodsboro.
- Q. Did your former husband have any interest in any real estate at the time of his death?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Will you describe the properties in which he had an interest, generally?
- A. He is a son of the late Harry C. Dorcus. My husband had an interest in properties known generally by the Dorcus family as the Shank and Smith properties. The Shank property is located on the east side of Main Street, in Woodsboro, and consists of three apartments and a garage. The Smith property is on the east side of Main Street, in Woodsboro also, and presently consists of two apartments.
- Q. Mrs. Houck, I show you a Contract of Sale, dated July 20, 1972, filed in these proceedings as Exhibit "J". Will you examine this instrument, and state whether or not the Contract which you executed with the purchasers named therein involves the Shank property?
- A. Yes.

(Exhibit "J" filed with the Examiner in evidence.)

- Q. I also show you a Contract of Sale, dated July 20, 1972, filed in these proceedings as Exhibit "K". Will you examine this instrument, and state whether or not the same relates to the Smith property?
- A. Yes.

(Exhibit "K" filed with the Examiner in evidence.)

- Q. Mrs. Houck, you allege in your Petition "that it would be for the benefit and advantage of your infant sons that their interests in the aforementioned real estate be sold in accordance with the terms and provisions of the respective Contracts of Sale." Will you kindly explain why you believe that the proposed sales will serve the best interests of your sons?
- A. I feel that the offers to purchase these properties are quite good, and that since the children's interest is a small fraction outstanding in these properties, it would be better to take cash represented thereby and invest it in other property.